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FORM 1 (ND/SD MISS. JAN 2022)

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

CAROLYN BEECH**PLAINTIFF**

v.

CIVIL ACTION**No. 1:22-cv-00057-HSO-BWR****THE LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP, PC, *et al.*****DEFENDANTS**

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

This Order, including all deadlines, has been established with the participation of all parties and can be modified only by order of the Court on a showing of good cause supported with affidavits, other evidentiary materials, or reference to portions of the record.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. ESTIMATED DAYS OF TRIAL: 5

ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 10-12

EXPERT TESTIMONY EXPECTED: Yes **NO. OF EXPERTS:** 2

The parties are exploring whether a class action is economically feasible. All of our answers assume it is, but are very preliminary.

2. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION [ADR]. (Pick one)

Alternative dispute resolution techniques appear helpful and will be used in this civil action as follows:

The parties are open to exploring a resolution before a Magistrate Judge.

3. CONSENT TO TRIAL BY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE. (Pick one)

The parties do not consent to trial by a United States Magistrate Judge.

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4. DISCLOSURE. (Pick one)

The pre-discovery disclosure requirements have been complied with fully.

5. MOTIONS; ISSUE BIFURCATION. (Pick one)

Staged resolution/bifurcation of the trial issues will not assist in the prompt resolution of this action.

Statement Not Applicable.

6. DISCOVERY PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

- A. Interrogatories are limited to 25 succinct questions.
- B. Requests for Production are limited to 30 succinct questions.
- C. Requests for Admissions are limited to 45 succinct questions.
- D. Depositions are limited to the parties, experts, and no more than
12 fact witness depositions per party without additional approval of the Court.

- E.** The parties have complied with the requirements of Local Rule 26(f)(2)(B) regarding discovery of electronically stored information and have concluded as follows:

The Parties have discussed ESI. Plaintiff desires native format.

- F.** The court imposes the following further discovery provisions or limitations:

- ☐ 1. The parties have agreed that defendant may obtain a Fed.R.Civ. P. 35 (L.U.Civ.R. 35) medical examination of the plaintiff (within subpoena range of the court) by a physician who has not examined the plaintiff, and that defendant may arrange the examination without further order of the court. The examination must be completed in time to comply with expert designation discovery deadlines.
- ☒ 2. Pursuant to FED.R.EVID. 502(d), the attorney-client privilege and the work-product protections are not waived by any disclosure connected within this litigation pending before this Court. Further, the disclosures are not waived in any other federal or state proceeding.
- ☐ 3. Plaintiff must execute an appropriate, HIPAA-compliant medical authorization.
- ☒ 4. The court desires to avoid the necessity of filing written discovery motions where court participation in an informal discussion of the issue might resolve it, even after the parties have been unsuccessful in a good faith attempt to do so. Consequently, before a party may serve any discovery motion, counsel must first confer in good faith as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(1). If the attorney conference does not resolve the dispute, counsel must contact the chambers of the magistrate judge to request a telephonic conference to discuss the issue as contemplated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(3)(B) (v). Only if the telephonic conference with the judge is unsuccessful in resolving the issue may a party file a discovery motion.
- ☒ 5. Other:
- Plaintiff is not alleging emotional distress or similar damages. Defendants reserve the right to request medical records and an examination if such damages are claimed or alleged.

Additional information:

Plaintiff understands that the files of individual class members are in the possession of the Bankruptcy Trustee of The Litigation Practice Group ("LPG") and will seek any necessary documents and information in such files from the Trustee. Defendants state that they do not presently have access to files of individual class members. Defendants also state that they do not presently have access to, or possession of, any files or documentation concerning LPG's business practices or processes. To the extent any such files exist, those files are also in the possession and control of the Bankruptcy Trustee.

7. SCHEDULING DEADLINES

A. Trial. This action is set for JURY TRIAL during a three-week term of court beginning on: October 7, 2024, at 9:00, a.m., in Gulfport, Mississippi, before United States District Judge Halil S. Ozerden.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAYS FOR TRIAL IS 5. ANY CONFLICTS WITH THIS TRIAL DATE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE TRIAL JUDGE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER.

B. Pretrial. The pretrial conference is set on: September 17-19, 2024, at 9:00, a.m., in Gulfport, Mississippi, before United States District Judge Halil S. Ozerden.

C. Discovery. All discovery must be completed by: April 8, 2024.

D. Amendments. Motions for joinder of parties or amendments to the pleadings must be filed by: August 28, 2023.

E. Experts. The parties' experts must be designated by the following dates:

1. Plaintiff(s): November 2, 2023.

2. Defendant(s): December 4, 2023.

8. MOTIONS. All dispositive motions and *Daubert*-type motions challenging another party's expert

must be filed by: April 22, 2024. The deadline for motions *in limine* is twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the pretrial conference; the deadline for responses is fourteen (14) calendar days before the pretrial conference.

9. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE.

A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE is set on: May 22, 2024, at 9:30, a.m. in Gulfport, Mississippi, before United States Magistrate Judge Bradley W. Rath.

Seven (7) days before the settlement conference, the parties must submit via e-mail to the magistrate judge's chambers an updated CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT MEMORANDUM. All parties are required to be present at the conference unless excused by the Court. If a party believes the scheduled settlement conference would not be productive and should be cancelled, the party is directed to inform the Court via e-mail of the grounds for their belief at least seven (7) days prior to the conference.

10. REPORT REGARDING ADR. On or before (7 days before FPTC) September 10, 2024, the parties must report to the undersigned all ADR efforts they have undertaken to comply with the Local Rules or provide sufficient facts to support a finding of just cause for failure to comply. *See L.U.Civ.R.83.7(f)(3).*

SO ORDERED:

7/27/2023
DATE

s/ Bradley W. Rath
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE